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Note verbale dated 13 February 2015 from the Permanent Mission of Mexico to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of Mexico to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General and has the honour to refer to General Assembly resolution 69/196, "International Guidelines for Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Responses with Respect to Trafficking in Cultural Property and Other Related Offences", adopted on 18 December 2014, and in particular to Guideline 2 of the resolution, which provides as follows:

> States should consider, where possible under their national legislation, the relevant cultural property as registered in the official inventory of a State that has enacted laws on national or State ownership, provided that the owner State has issued a public formal statement to that effect.

Pursuant to this Guideline, the Permanent Mission of Mexico to the United Nations wishes to communicate the following formal statement to the United Nations Secretariat:

> Formal statement on national ownership of archaeological property, issued in accordance with Guideline 2 of the International Guidelines for Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Responses with Respect to Trafficking in Cultural Property and Other Related Offences (General Assembly resolution 69/196)
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> The United Mexican States declares that, as from the entry into force of the relevant protection legislation, all archaeological resources produced by cultures predating the establishment of the Hispanic culture in the territory under its jurisdiction belong to the Mexican nation.

The Permanent Mission of Mexico to the United Nations requests that this note verbale be circulated to the States Members of the Organization and to the relevant bodies.

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